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Good evening. It is with great sorrow that I reach out to you at this time. We pause in our activities this evening to pay a richly deserved tribute to a devoted and highly esteemed member of our wing who was removed from our midst this weekend.

Lt Col. Edmund Hill passed away on Saturday in a motor vehicle accident en route to Scanner/Observer training in Emporia. Despite an active life and devotion to his family, Lt Col. Hill also found much time to give to the Civil Air Patrol and Kansas Wing in his role as Director of Operations and as a pilot. I know many of you share the grief I am feeling as he touched the lives of most members of the wing who participated in emergency services or flight activities. He was a man of very high standards, integrity, and seemingly boundless energy. There is no doubt that his passing leaves a void in our hearts and in the organization.

At this time, we have little information. We ask for your patience. As more information becomes available, and we are made aware of the details regarding his funeral services, we will pass that information on to you.

We ask that you keep his family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with the unexpected loss.

Yours in sorrow,

Regena M. Aye, Colonel, CAP Commander, Kansas Wing

UPDATE:

Funeral arrangements have been announced for Lt Col Hill. Visitation will be held at Prairie Rose Funeral Home in Anthony, Kansas on Tuesday, 28 October 2008, between 0900 and 2000 hours.

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Funeral services will be held at Prairie Rose Funeral Home in Anthony, Kansas on Wednesday, 29 October 2008, at 1330 hours. Prairie Rose Funeral Home is located at 602 East Main Street, Anthony, Kansas 67003. Military graveside services will be at Spring Grove Cemetery in Anthony, Kansas following the service on Wednesday.

Information regarding the services as well as Lt Col Hill's obituary are available online at http://www.prairierosefuneralhomes.com/index.cfm (the link to the obituaries is on the right hand side of the page). An online guest book is also available for sharing condolences, memories, and sympathies.